

E. INSTITUTIONAL STATUS

WAC 388-513-1320 Determining institutional status for long-term care (LTC) services. Institutional status is an eligibility requirement for LTC services.

- (1) To attain institutional status, a client must:
 - (a) Be approved for and receiving waived or hospice services; or
 - (b) Reside or be likely to reside in a medical facility for a continuous period of:
 - (i) Ninety days for a child seventeen years of age or younger receiving inpatient chemical dependency and/or inpatient mental health treatment; or
 - (ii) Thirty days for:
 - (A) An SSI-related client;
 - (B) A child not described in subsection (1) (b) (i); or
 - (C) A client related to medical eligibility as described in WAC 388-513-1315 (10), (11), or (12).
- (2) A client's institutional status is not affected by a:
 - (a) Transfer between medical facilities; or
 - (b) Change from one kind of long-term care services to another.
- (3) A client loses institutional status when the client:
 - (a) Is absent from the medical facility for at least thirty consecutive days; or
 - (b) Does not receive waived or hospice services for at least thirty consecutive days.

CLARIFYING INFORMATION**Institutional status**

The term, "institutional status," refers to a minimum period of time for which a client requires LTC services. A client attains this status when the need for inpatient services is equal to or greater than the number of days defined in WAC 388-513-1320. A client who is approved for waived or hospice services and is receiving such services has also achieved institutional status. **NOTE:** Hospice services can be received in a medical facility or in conjunction with waived services. They are a group of services provided to a client who is terminally ill. Hospice services do not constitute a waived program.

WORKER RESPONSIBILITIES

Obtain the determination of whether the client is likely to remain institutionalized for thirty consecutive days from the department-designated social worker (SW).

ACES PROCEDURES

1. Refer to Chapter K 20.16.4 in the ACES User Manual. While following those procedures, the information below is important to remember.
2. Enter appropriate information for clients who have attained institutional status on the INST screen. Necessary entries include LTC Payment Approval, Type, Provider ID for NFs, Entry Date, and private and state rates.
3. Enter approval for waived or hospice services in the HCB waiver fields. These include Type, Date, and Approval Source.